

the advancement, the adoption of the committee amendments?

SENATOR RUPP: Not really, Mr. President. I think the committee amendments make a good bill better and I guess rather than prolong debate on them, I would just urge their adoption.

PRESIDENT: Senator Abboud, did you wish to talk about the committee amendments? All right. Senator Schmit, about the committee amendments? Senator Loran Schmit, did you wish to talk about the committee amendments? Senator Hall, about the committee amendments? All right. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Rupp or Senator Barrett, which one of you wish to talk about the bill itself? Senator Barrett...Withem. Thank you, Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: I'm third choice here but I'll be happy to go ahead and try to...

PRESIDENT: That's all right, we'll get to you sooner or later.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay. LB 480 was a bill that updates some of the provisions of the accountability and disclosure statement. In its current form it frankly doesn't make very many radical types of departures from current procedures. It makes it a little easier for candidates and committees to comply without violating any of the basic premises and concepts of the accountability procedure. I was asked to co-sponsor this. Senator Barrett, early in the session, indicated that he was going to introduce this bill and wanted a little more credibility brought to the measure, so he asked me if I would co-sponsor and I was happy to do so. Basically...and he's not even listening, so that's okay. Basically, the measure does about four things. First of all, in current statute there is a requirement that after you raise \$1,000 you will file a statement. There is no time limit under when that \$1,000 comes in. This bill will clarify that that is within a calendar year. Also, with the committee amendments it will be \$2,000. If you have raised \$2,000 within a calendar year you will be expected to file a report. Secondly, it deals with the problem of earmarking, this may be the most controversial portion within